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WOMAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS FOR MANUFACTURING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Carrie Wheaton, 30, of Illinois, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 30 years in prison for manufacturing child pornography. On September 12, 2008, Wheaton's co-defendant Roger Smith, 38, Hollandale, Wis., was also sentenced to thirty years in prison. Pursuant to federal law, Smith's and Wheaton's sentences will be served without the possibility of parole.

Wheaton and Smith have remained in custody since February 28, 2008, when law enforcement agents executed a search warrant at Smith's Town of Hollandale home for evidence related to an alleged attempted exposure of a child to sexual activity over the Internet. During the search, officers found a digital camera. A search of the camera revealed numerous sexually explicit images of children.

United States Attorney Peterson stated that the charges followed an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigation

and the Iowa County Sheriff's Department. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

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